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Chilly Blast Swoops Down On Entire Country

ATLANTA PRISONERS TUNNEL WAY TO LIBERTY

Solons Ask Why Did U.S. Sell Arms To Obregon

Temperature In Mexia Drops 50 Degrees In A Few Hours

From all parts of the country, reports pour in today, indicating that the United States is in the grip of the severest cold spell of the winter. According to dispatches from Europe, too, that country is suffering from the wintry blast and elemental disturbances which are defeating searchers in their effort to solve the Dixmude dirigible mystery.

According to Mrs. Newman, local [illegible] observer, the thermometer went as high as 78 Sunday afternoon. By day break today, it had fallen to 27 and the sudden freeze, [illegible] expected by local citizens, [illegible] had been informed thru Sunday's Daily News of the approach of the cold wave, found [illegible] in many instances [illegible] W. D. Morgan [illegible] calls coming in from [illegible] parts of the city in regard to [illegible] water mains, leading [illegible] here. Plumbers have also been [illegible] calls from [illegible] required their assistance [illegible] off the water.

According to the weather reports, Monday night is due to be colder than it was early today. The cold wave struck after midnight and at 5:30 this morning sleet was falling.

So far the gas pressure has been excellent, according to persons interviewed who live in various parts of town, thus eliminating much suffering. In many homes, however, both gas and coal fires are burning in order to be sure that the place [illegible] kept warm.

The Weather report is as follows:

East Texas—Tonight probably fair and colder. Severe cold wave in south and extreme east. Temperature 2 to 14 in north and 12 to 21 in south, except 21 to 30 in Lower Rio Grande Valley. Tuesday probably fair and continued cold.

West Texas—Tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably snow in north; colder except in Panhandle. Severe cold wave in south with temperature 14 to 18. Slowly rising temperature in north Tuesday.

The East

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A cold rain which the Weather Bureau promised would turn into snow and sleet during the day, assured slippery pavements for New Year's revelers [illegible] tonight.

The weather man thought there might be a white New Year's Day, with heavy snow coming down out of the mountains of Maine.

Middle West

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—Partial relief from the blizzard which has raged in Nebraska, Wyoming and the Dakotas since Saturday night, was promised by the weather bureau here today.

Temperature at Omaha reached two below at 6 a. m. but the bulb was slowly rising at 7, and the bureau predicted it would not go below that point. The storm was accompanied by considerable snow and a wind which ranged from 35 to 40 miles an hour.

Temperature throughout the State ranged from zero to 15 below. Hastings this morning reported it 8 below. It was 10 below at Valentine, Neb., at 7 p. m. last night with the mercury falling. Cheyenne, Wyo., reported 16 below at 7 p. m.

Railroad and wire traffic was considerably hampered by the storm. [illegible] car service and taxicab service in Omaha was almost completely tied up.

Southwest Struck

KANSAS CITY, Mo, Dec. 30—An old time blizzard swept across Kansas plains and other sections of the Southwest today delaying trains and demoralizing war communication.

Snow fell during the night, swept by a gale which reached fifty miles an hour. Mercury dropped close to zero.

Stock raisers were forced to find shelter for their animals and feed was in demand. Farmers were well prepared, however, as the season until the present storm has been mild and they were able to conserve feed.

Snow which fell early in the evening afforded some shelter for the wheat from the freezing temperatures. However, if the snow drifted considerably, many fields were swept bare.

Europe

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The elements which destroyed the dirigible Dixmude conspire today to obscure her fate.

Unprecedented storms swept Southern France and roared over the Mediterranean, cutting land communications as well as interrupting wireless and preventing news of the search for the airship and her gallant crew from reaching the capital.

Official inquiry was begun into the causes that led to the Dixmude's destruction on the night of Dec. 21-22, when, it now appears, the giant liner was struck by lgihtning bolt and hurled flaming into the white-capped sea, where all her officers and men perished.

Hundreds of persons evacuated their homes during the night as rising waters of the River Seine inundated new districts of Paris, Nanterre, St. Denis and Issy.

The river rose eight inches since sundown and the situation is officially recognized as critical.

Workmen are throwing up parapets along the quais while eighty sailors with specitaly constructed pumps have arrived from Havre.

The Seine, swollen by freshets, already has caused graet damage and suffering. It has risen nearly 20 feet.

MEXICAN REBELS SHOWN IN ACTION.

This picture, taken under fire, shows the de la Huerta rebel troops in action in the Vera Cruz district, under bombardment and rifle fire from the loyal Obregon attackers. One man is shown dead on the back of his shallow trench.

A Small Blaze Sunday Morning

About 1 o'clock Sunday morning Mr. J. M. Knnedy, who runs the Lone Star store on East Sumpter street, discovered fire in the ceiling at the back of the store. The alarm was turned in and Mr. Kennedy proceeded to fight the blaze with a garden hose, but it was not fully extinguished until the city fire fighters arrived and put the water to it. The damage was small and is covered by insurance.

The blaze is supposed to have started from a defective electric light wire.

After a self-made man has finished the job he should make a few friends to be used in case of emergency.

400 HORSEPOWER BOILER BEING INSTALLED IN THE LOCAL PLANT

Having purchased the power plant at Teague the Community Power & Light Company is engaged in renovating the plant there by changing the system to a modern raw water one complete.

Another power line is being constructed from Marlin to Mexia and thence to Teague. The construction force for the building of this line is located at Groesbeck where the material is being assembled.

A new 400 horsepower boiler has been purchased for Mexia in order to economize production. These improvements should enable the company to give lower rates to the consumers in this section, so Mr. Alexander the local manager, stated.

GUESTS OF THE HEART

DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR

Farewell, Old Year, you are passing away;
A sad heart here you are leaving today.
How good and how true you have been to me!
Yet faithless, I fear, have I been to thee.

You brought, Old Year, in your cycle of time
A thousand good things to this heart of mine;
You brought along in your cycle of gold
Most wonderful dreams to a storm tossed soul.

You've pointed the way o'er a restless sea,
Like a pillar of fire to a soul like me.
You have carried me on over turbulent waves
With a gentleness born of a pow'r that saves.

You have led me on thru storms and strife
And illumined for me the path of life.
You taught me how to start over again
When my soul's crushed with its burden of sin.

You have taken me up on mountains high
Where visions great emblazoned the sky,
And you told me how all things could succeed
If only I'd follow your wondrous lead.

And the visions great and wonderful plans
Were left to the work of my humle hands;
The prayers you taught and the prayers you gave
Would urge me on like a voice from the grave.

I knew, Old Year, as we journeyed along
And my soul was stirr'd and my faith was strong,
That no dearer friend would ever I see
Than you, Old Year, had been ever to me.

And now gently, Old Year, my sad heart weeps
As Time his immutable custom keeps—
He cuts you down with a remorseless hand—
And a stranger year steps forth in the land!

Farewell!—Old Year—Farewell! Now must we part,
But Time cannot break your hold on my heart.
The wonderful work you gave me to do
I have left undone—I confess to you.

But if the stranger year will patient be
I'll redeem all pledges I made to thee.
So farewell, Old Year, you have passed away!
A sad heart here you are leaving today.

I knew, Old Year, as we journeyed along
And my soul was stirr'd and my faith was strong,
That no dearer friend could ever I see
Than the faithful old year has been to me!

—Ben B. Hunt.

Belief Advanced That Aid Was Given From Outside

ALTANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—Officials began a determined search for alleged accomplices of George Anderson, the second of the daring "million dollar" New York mail bandits to make a bold break from the Atlanta prison. Anderson and three other prisoners tunneled their way to liberty while armed guards patrolled the walls. It is believed that they were aided from the outside. The escape was as daring as that of Gerald Chapman, the "master mind" of the New York gang that looted a mail truck of $1,000,000 in New York in October, 1921. Chapman escaped in March.

Escape Daring

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—All law enforcement agencies of the South today concentrated on the search for four prisoners who made a daring escape from the Federal penitentiary here Sunday.

Three of the men were traced to Macon but there the trail was lost. No clew as to the whereabouts of the fourth has been found.

The fugitives include George Anderson, serving a 25 year sentence for participation in a $1,000,000 mail truck hold-up in New York. Anderson was the partner of Gerald Champan who escaped last March and has not been recaptured. Prison officials believe Anderson engineered Sunday's escape. The men crawled to freedom through a tunnel under a concrete wall encircling the prison.

The other three convicts who escaped were:

Hiram Lepper, sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment from Baltimore for counterfeiting.

Frank Haynes, sentenced from Chattanooga for counterfeiting.

Ludwig Schmidt, sentenced for robbing the mails, from Rochester, N. Y.

Lepper figured in a former jail delivery and was recaptured in Milwaukee.

Prison officials were advised recently that Anderson contemplated a break for liberty and took extra precautions to guard him. The tunnel dug under the prison walls led from a small tent in the prison tubercular zone to a point just beyond the high stone walls, where armed guards paced constantly. Lepper and Haynes occupied the tent.

The loose dirt was carried secretly from the tent to a freshly graded spot 75 feet away.

A small shovel and a miniature miner's lantern were found in the tunnel, the only equipment used in digging the passageway to freedom. The tunnel was equipped with trap door, steps were built in the hard clay.

The delivery was discovered at 5 a. m. Reports were received that the men had been seen in a negro quarter nearby and then a "tip" came that they had boarded a limited headed for Macon.

Police at Macon were advised and arangements were made for capturing the prisoners there but Wadren Saratain received information that three men had leaped from the speeding train near Macon and disappeared before officers could overtake them.

Rainfall of the Year Slightly Above Average of 20 Past Years

The following summary of the rainfall at Mexia, Texas for the year 1923 is furnished by Josephine Newman, voluntary observer at this station:

	inches
January, total	1.58
February, total	4.38
March, total	2.94
April, total	6.25
May, total	.33
June, total	.39
July, total	.22
August, total	.39
September, total	3.54
October, total	3.89
November, total	2.20
December, total	10.07
Total for year	36.65

The records at weather bureau here show that the rainfall since August, 1901 has averaged 36 inches per year.

This shows 1923 to be slightly above the average. The heaviest waterfall of any month was in December when almost a third of the year's rain came.

The Summer months of June, July and August showed only slightly more than one inch.

Next to December, April was the wettest period. The third wettest month of the year was February.

KLAN CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED, SAYS CLARKE

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—A convention of Ku Klux Klan members, "to make the organization what it should be or kill it," will be held here February 15 to 20, Edward Young Clarke, former imperial wizard, announced. A call will be sent to all Klans of the nation Taursday night. The convention will consider the points laid down in Clarke's letter to President Coolidge, it is said.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Larkins of Breckenridge were visitors to Mexia Sunday.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTHS

After having a time getting all the gas jets lit up on the home mound this morning for a little heat and a hurried breakfast I rushed to the office without seeing a soul until I turned into North Sherman. I there saw a sight that reminded me more of a moving van than anything I have seen lately. It proved to be my pal of childhood days, Joe Stubenrauch, all bundled up in a quilt that was used by an old maid that liked Joe very much at the time the rock of Gibraltar was a pebble. Joe was in a hurry on account of the wind playing hide and seek with his pug nose and I did not try to delay him but he remarked in his rush that he thought the ole family bird, the turkey should be given a rest and good ole country sausage substituted. He stated he would do just one thing more label all the good sausage "Calvert" with that remark I told Joe he had better get a truck license if we was going around much longer all rolled up in home-spun bedding.

But the surprise of the day was sprung on the writer when I run into friend Boyd of the News Publishing Company. He was laughing heartily in front of the post office and I saw Arthur Brisbane, alais Garland Adair crossing the street in a way that made the charge of the light brigade look like a tax payers retreat from Groesbeck. Boyd took me in tow with this story on friend Anthony Garland. As we all know Garland has an heir apparent of that bouyancy age called youth. It seems that Junior has been since last Wednesday morning asking his father before he left for the day's work if "this is God's day"—Garland thought nothing much of the question until the second day at which time he went proudly to his wife stating that "Dear we certainly have a good boy. He wants to know if each day is God's day." The proud father was again greeted each morning until yesterday morning which was Sunday, the bright youth asked again if "this is God's day?" whereupon the joyous parent said "Son, yes it is, what can I do for you." Junior then said, "Daddy I want the funny paper." Garland tells this as a news item. But this writer thinks it a good one on the editor.

It has been stated that from the mouths of children much wisdom floweth and the following made me think of the remark. I was crossing the street on the way to the office as I run into Blake Smith. Blake had a bill in his hand that was from one of our prominent garages and filling stations. He seemed worried about the total at the bottom and as I drew near he said, "You know I am a man of few words but this garage bill reminds me of a remark my young son made a short while ago and I have never repeated it. We were sitting around the family circle discussing current events of our city when the subject of war was mentioned and in some way Pickett's charge at Gettysburg was mentioned by someone. Our boy didn't seem interested very much as he was getting his lessons for the next day. But just about at the conclusion of the discussion the name Prickett seemed to be on his mind as he had over heard it and turning said, 'Daddy I know Mr. Prickett down at the garage.' The analogy struck me very forcibly" said Blake as he held out the statement. Prickett—garage—charge.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

To the City and Rural Patrons of Mexia, Texas, Post Office: I take this method of wishing you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—ISIDORE NEWMAN, Postmaster.

POST OFFICE TO CLOSE TUESDAY

The Postoffice will be closed all day Tuesday. In observance of New Year's Day, all windows will be closed and the route carriers will be given a

Nelson States That Dollar Diplomacy Ruled

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—An investigation by congress of dollar diplomacy" involved in an agreement of the United States to sell arms and ammunition to the Obregon government, is demanded by Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, progressive. Developments indicate that the State Department's announcement Saturday that arms would be sold might have been permature. Secretary Weeks is opposed to selling war material to Obregon, and informed Secretary Hughes of this fact.

Patterson Moves Jewelry Store To Sewell Building

L. S. Patterson and all members of his Jewelry establishment here are busy today moving the location of the concern from the old stand, adjoining the City National Bank, to a new location, about one block east in the building formerly occupied by Lawson Sewell, first door east of Karner and Phillips.

The work of moving will be completed today and Mr. Patterson states that by the dawn of the New Year he will be ready for business in the new home of the Patterson Jewerly Store.

Mr. Patterson says that the store will occupy the entire first floor of the building, which is being so arranged and improved as to afford ample opportunity to give the line of jewerly carried a most attractive display. "I am here to stay," he added, in commenting on the move "and am going to strive ever to increase the standing of my little store right here in Mexia." With the larger quarters he hopes to be able to refer hereafter to his jewelry home as a bigger institution. Additional shipments of jewelry will be received constantly and Mr. Patterson plans to spend hundreds of dollars right away in making the institution more attractive than ever and a place known generally throughout the Mexia trade territory as a growing jewelry establishment.

Moonshiner Mob Lynches Negro Is The Belief

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec 30.—The theory that Eugene Burnam, negro whose body was found near here last night, was lynched by moonshiners, was advanced by officials today.

Authorities pointed out that a series of raids have been launched against moonshiners in this section recently and that the distillers probably have become angered.

Four white men, according to information give authorities, carried the negro to Dinsmore where he was shot several times and then hit in the head with an ax.

A few hours before a white storekeeper had shot and killed a negro seen hiding near his store. The negro was armed.

The headless body of another negro, found weighted ina creek near here, was identified as that of Edgar Phillips, an alleged moonshiner.

TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION

RIDGEWAY, Penn., Dec. 31.—The town of Emporium was rocked by an explosion in the mixing room of the Hercules Powder Company plant, which killed two employes.

J. F. Bedingfield of Marlin registered at the Majestic Sunday.

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NEW YEAR RESOLVES

New Year's resolutions are again in order. Someone has wisely said that the path to the lower regions is paved with good resolutions and the pavement is constantly being added to every year. But in spite of the fact that those resolutions made 12 months ago forgotten almost as soon as made it is time to resolve again if there will be any to forget again.

How many persons were ever guilty of keeping a New Year's resolution there is no authority for saying. The annals of history fail to disclose any such breaking of the sacred custom on the part of any person.

Now since prohibition has eliminated a necessity for the resolution which formerly had headed the long list the smoker will probably take the lead of those who annually "swore off" with a quantity of resolutions that would shame the addicts of any other habit, unless it be those who have been caught in the grip of dope. The weaker sex will now have a chance to number themselves along with those who voice their determination to inhale the last of the [illegible] fumes on the [illegible] of the last minute before the New Year bangs it [illegible].

Possibly the frequenters of the soda fountains will not be far behind in resolving to keep their [illegible] in their pockets. Though a great many of the resolutions made every year are those stereotyped and [illegible] there are thousands of [illegible] that can be listed [illegible]. There is the student [illegible] less resolve to [illegible] back to the [illegible] she will be more economical and devote the time [illegible] [illegible] ten, and [illegible] will even promise himself that he will [illegible] their [illegible] forget [illegible] tion.

[illegible]

CITIZENSHIP
-Thought for the Day

By A. Garland [illegible]

WE WANT IDEALISM

Concluding his [illegible] message to Congress, President Calvin Coolidge in part said:

"We want idealism. We want [illegible] [illegible] ineffective.

"The world has had enough of the curse of hatred and selfishness, of destruction and war. It has had enough of the wrongful use of material power, for the healing of the nations there must be good will and charity, confidence and peace. The time has come for a more practical use of moral power, and more reliance upon the principle that right makes its own might. Our authority among the nations must be represented by justice and mercy. It is necessary not only to have faith, but to make sacrifices for our faith. The spiritual forces of the world make all its final determinations. It is with these voices that America should speak."

The Greatness of Little Things

AMERICA'S ONLY POET LAUREATE

"A stubbble-haired boy" was what John G. Neihardt called himself in his first peom, written at the age of twelve, and during his passage from stubble hair to the laureateship of Nebraska his experience has been varied and interesting.

He was born in Illinois in 1881 but spent most of his boyhood in Wayne, Nebraska; he loved books, and he says, "I used to weed beets with a copy of Tennyson in one pocket, a copy of Browning in the other." He attended the Nebraska State Normal school, where he earned his tuition by ringing the bell twice every fifty minute during the school day for three years! Whatever else he did he always found time for his scribbling, and it was because he was more interested in creative writing than in smelling out political news that he got "scooped" so often when he tried to do reporting for the Omaha Daily News. After eight or nine weeks of this the editor-in-chief decided to dispense with his services, but he cheered the young man at parting by complimenting him on the "kidding column" he had been writing, and several character sketches he had done.

Neihardt's first published poem appeared in the Youth's Companion in 1900 and from that time on he continued to write verse in various forms; his best lyrics have been collected in a volume called "The Quest."

Mr. Neihardt is the only official poet laureate in America. He was appointed poet laureate of Nebraska by the legislature of the state in [illegible], and he holds the degree of doctor of letters from the University of Nebraska. He married Miss Mona Martinsen, a New York sculptor, in 1908, and his mother also makes her home with the poet at Branson, Missouri, in the Ozarks.

The University of Nebraska has recently created a Chair of Poetry for Mr. Neihardt; he will reside and lecture there for a month or more each year, but is left free to give the rest of his time to his creative work.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS
By N. P. Houx.

MEMBER TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

A headline says: "Slew two wives, insane, is belief?" What could be more convincing, unless he was a Morman?

With the new weight tax on automobiles and trucks the state should have enough money on hand the first of the year to build the finest system of roads of any state in the Union or in any country in the world. But the tax is going to compel us to sell our car, so we shall not be able to ride on them.—Houston Chronicle.

And if you walk you are liable to get run down and killed. Then what is a poor fellow to do?

Bootleggers made a raid on a church in Hancock, Md., and damaged the building and "beat up" several members of the congregation, including two women, so a press dispatch says. Now what is the "law" going to do about this? Nothing of course, and that congregation would be justified in going after those bootleggers and giving them a little dose of their own medicine.

The Christmas spirit hovered over the land Tuesday and it brought sunshine and gladness where hope had been abandoned. Seeing the joy it created, the happiness it inspired, the light of love which cast its beams in darkned places, would it not be a splendid idea to keep it alive throughout the coming year? Why not make the year 1924 marked by a more extended consideration of those to whom misfortune has dulled its palm?—Denison Herald.

A splendid idea. Keep up the good work all the year, and endeavor to make some one happy every day.

Governor Neff advocates using the army and navy to enforce the prohibition laws. Does the governor propose to put the country under martial law?—Houston Post.

And why not martial law if it takes that to stop the daredevil doings of the bootlegger fraternity, the people who have less regard for law and morals than any other known body of law breakers. Martial law has been invoked on less excuse than the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

The Isvestia editor charges: 1. Mr. Hughes has nothing. 2. He forged it. 3. He changed the words around. 4. The original sounded better before he translated it.—Dallas News.

Nothing from nothing leaves nothing. Is that the answer?

Henry Ford has definitely decided not to become a candidate for the presidency, but will support the present chief executive, Calvin Coolidge. Those high in the counsels of both the old parties are construing the Detroit man's latest announcement to suit themselves, although it is evident that some of them feel considerable relieved now that this "wizard" is not going to inject his own self into the running.—Wills Point Chronicle.

Say what you please about Henry, but you cannot class him as a fool.

Annette Kellerman says American women should exercise more. This should draw a shrill soprano shriek from Women who put in a full day at housework six days a week.—Corsicana Daily Sun.

But when you stop and think of the countless many women who put in full days joy riding and galantin around with jellybeans, the advice of Annette is not so out of place after all. All of the women do not do housework. Not by a jugfull.

For a Better Legislature.

People generally have been very free to criticise the legislature for many years, and there certainly has been ample cause for criticism, but after all, the fault lies with the people themselves. For the most part citizens take too little interest in the selection of men to represent them. In many districts it is impossible to get the representative men interested to the extent that any of them will make the sacrifice. It is impossible to have a big legislature composed of little men. The kind of men sent to Austin are the kind that will be there when the house and senate are called to order. If every district in the state would put up its best material the legislature of Texas would be a deliberative body of which the people might well be proud.—Ex.

And now as the time for electing the next legislature is nearly here, the above advice is good and our people should keep it in mind when they vote for members of the House and Senate—and also for congressmen.

George Lee was a business visitor to Groesbeck Saturday.

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Gene Sinclair
GOOD SHOES · HOSIERY

Snails sold on the streets in Italy are grown especially for the market, being fed principally on lettuce.

If you would keep on the safe side beware of people who try to get on the good side of you.

From 1909 to 1918 the number of automobiles in use in the United States increased 700 per cent.

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Apply over throat and chest—cover with hot flannel cloth.
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To all of our friends we extend the season's greetings.

We sincerely thank you for the generous business you have given us during the last year and the many years we have served this great territory.

It is our fond hope that you will continue to give us the opportunity of serving you, during the year 1924.

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WISCONSIN TO PUSH LIFE INSURANCE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 31.—With a campaign of advertising which is expected to double the prerent list of policy-holders, Wisconsin is going into the insurance business on a whole-ale scale.

Pioneer in a number of other cooperative fields, Wisconsin has had for ten years a provision for a State life insurance fund, in which anyone may be insured at cost, but few policies were sold except to State employes.

With the recent appointment of W. Stanley Smith as insurance commissioner, a campaign was planned by which it is hoped that the present $500,000 in policies outstanding will be raised to a million or a million and a half.

Wisconsin is the only State in the union to go into the insurance business, according to Smith, who was for many years representative of a large insurance company in Wisconsin.

No soliciting is done, thus illiminating the cost of agents. Any citizen of hte State may make out an application for either the $500 or the $1000 policies sold by the State, and by simply mailing it to the office of the insurance commissioner, with the first premium, he is insured.

Premiums may be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually, but to avoid interest charges, Smith advises payment on the annual basis.

Four types of premiums are sold. They are the ordinary life policy, the twenty-payment life policy, which is fully paid up after twenty years; the twenty-year endowment, and endowment at the ag eof 65.

The claims and accounts of the State life fund are passed upon and audited by the Attorney General, State Treasurer and Commissioner of Insurance. Besides saving agent's commissions and the salaries of officers, office rents are saved, as all the work of the fund is done in the State Capitol. The general fund in the State treasury is back of the life fund.

Wisconsin also has a fire insurance fund, as have a number of other States and cities. A statue requires all public buildings, State, city and county to be insured in this fund. The fire fund totals almost 75,000,000. The rates in the fire fund are approximately 75 per cent of those of regular companies.

Tilden Will Be On Davis Cup Team

By HENRY L. FARRELL

(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bill Tilden will play with the American Olympic tennis team if he is selected by the committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Tilden will be selected as a member of the team and he will be the first and ranking player on the list.

When it was announced that the Davis Cup committee of the association had been appointed to name the ten men and women tennis stars to be sent to Paris next summer, trouble was scented.

Tilden and the Davis Cup committee are not getting on well together at the present time, because of some personal differences that arose during the doubles contest of the last cup matches at Forest Hills.

Harold B. Hackett, former Davis Cup star and one of the best doubles players in the game, tried to tell Tilden how he should play after the third set had been completed.

Tilden resented both the manner in which Hackett gave his orders and the time at which he saw fit to criticize the champion's game.

Both voiced their opinions publicly and Tilden said he was through with international competition, if the Davis Cup committee did not alter its policy of handling the players.

Tilden is somewhat of a prima donna, but it is certain that he will not allow any personal differences with the directors of the game to handicap the American Olympic team.

For the same reason, the committee named to select the players can not refuse to give Tilden a place on the team because he is a radical.

Tilden will be appointed and, if the committee is fair minded, he should be named captain of the team.

When he is selected, Tilden will accept the appointment and will play.

SALESMANSHIP CLUB TO RESUME LUNCHEONS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

The Salesmanship Club will resume its regular weekly meetings by its luncheon at the Majestic Cafe next Wednesday at 12:15 to 1:30. O. F. Watkins will be the leader which naturally follows as the subject will be "Shall Mexia Have a Memorial Builing and Community Auditorium?" As Mr. Watkins is the Commander of the American Legion Nowlin Post of Mexia, and is very enthusiastic over the proposition: so stated Lee P. Pierson, president of the Salesmanship Club. In view of the fact that there will be business to transact in the election of all officers of the club for the incoming year the program will be short.

Program

Invocation: Rev. G. T. Reaves.

Luncheon.

Music.

Election of officers for year 1924.

Meeting turned over to O. F. Watkins, leader.

Shall Mexia Have a Memorial Building and Auditorium?

1. Five minute talk by J. Desenberg.
2. Five minute talk by J. K. Hughes.

All members should be present and take part in this meeting.

Quart Of Water Cleans Kidneys

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Eating too much rich food creates acids, which excite the kidneys. They become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood. Then we get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys, or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, begin drinking a quart of water each day, also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, and in a few days your kidneys may act fine.

This famous salts is made from acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to flush and stimulate the kidneys; also to help neutralize the acids in the system, so they no longer cause irritation, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to help keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby often avoiding serious kidney complications. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.—(Adv.)

On Easy Street Evening of Life

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 31.—A good name, good credit, and a small store.

That is the fortune of John Grado, aged 70, who has tended brodges for the city for 34 years. And Grado believes that life has been good to him and he is satisfied.

For twenty three years, rain or shine, Grado tended the bridge on San Jacinto street. When the new Hill street bridge was completed it was given into his care.

Grado has nine children. Five are married; three grown daughters and a son of 18, resides at home.

"I've got good credit and a little grocery store," Grado said. "I worked day and night for the city to get the store. And now while I'm still on the job, my wife and children run it.

"I'm satisfied."

Christmas Cheer To This Cripple

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 31.—To those who scoff at Christmas as being merely "extravagant nonsense" a visit to Newt Goins will change their views.

Months ago Goins in a fall broke his hip and incapacitated himself for vigorous business pursuits. He was faced with the bleak prospect of eking out his existence under a terrible handicap.

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New Year Greetings

Ever and at all times we are appreciative of courtesies shown us, but it is at this season we pause and try to think of all the kindness shown us during the year, and in so doing, it is you of whom we think—our friends. It is our friends who have made possible our success in business and happy social hours. And to our friends we wish for the year 1924 plenty and happiness.

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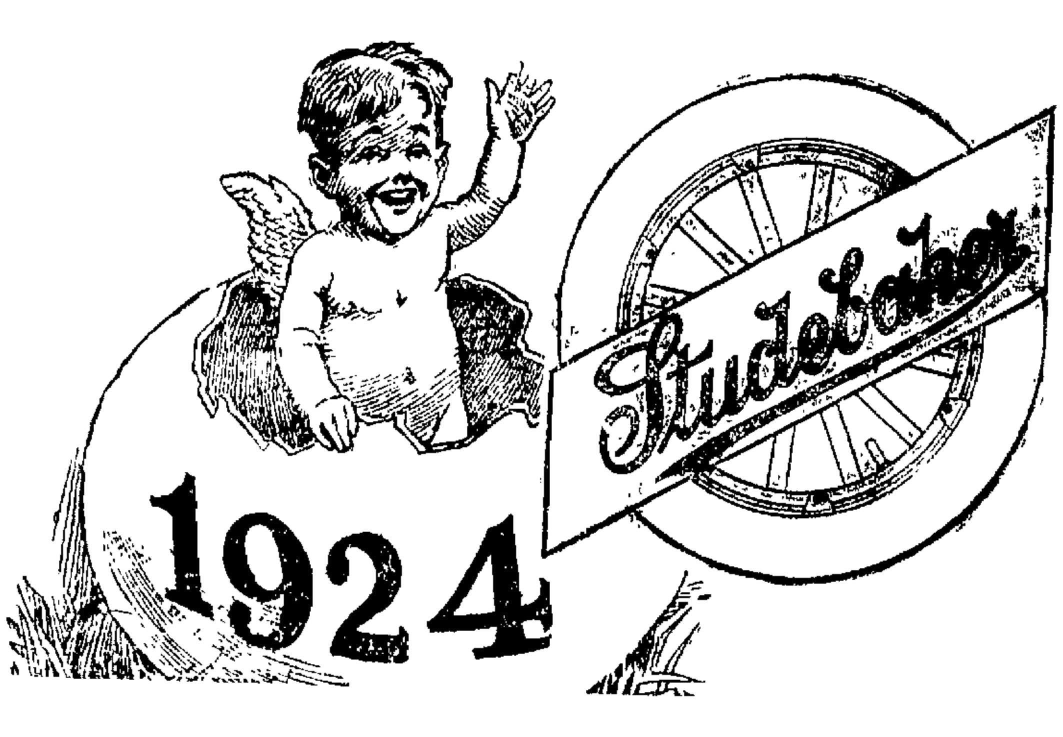

GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

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1923 HAS BEEN A STUDEBAKER YEAR.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Entering upon a New Year is like traveling upon a new road for the first time. We cannot see very far ahead, but so far as our vision carries the road seems smooth and inviting. So we begin our latest journey joyfully, hopefully, forgetting all that is past—the rugged pathways of yester-year and whatever unhappy experiences we met by the way.

Whatever the past year may have meant to you, dismiss all thought of it. It is dead. It cannot be brought back. Forget also the "little cares that fretted you," the unkindly acts of fellow-travelers on the journey through life, and the things you have done that you ought not to have done.

So will you enter upon the New Year with a spirit of forgiveness, and a kind thought in your heart for every one. Your home will be happier; your disposition will be brighter; your life will radiate warmth for all around you. Thus the New Year will be a most happy one for you and yours.

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Year of 1924 Marked Rise Of Liberals

By LAWRENCE MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(United Press.)—Years, like men, departing, leave behind them footprints in the sands. This dying year started a trail of footprints that lead on into the dim distance, so that no one can tell at the moment where they will stop.

But it was a year of preparation, of seed sowing, of new trails started, rather than of political fruition of harvest, or goals achieved. What began, politically, in 1923, will develop thru 1924, and probably far beyond that.

The one thing on which the year's politics turned more than anything else was the death of President Harding. That tragedy opened gates to politicians who, up to that August day had felt themselves shut out of national arena because Mr. Harding seemed to have the Republican nomination safely stowed away. His death had its influence on Democratic party politics, as well as on Republican. It changed the whole political aspect.

Senator Hiram Johnson, for example had reconciled himself—as published excerpts from his letters showed—to staying out of the 1924 presidential campaign. But when Mr. Harding died, Senator Johnson's candidacy became a practical certainty.

Mr. Coolidge was elevated to the presidency. Mr. Coolidge kept silent, after his first announcement that he felt it incumbent upon him to carry out policies of his predecessor. Not until he addressed Congress on December 6 did he reveal himself. In that message he dealt comprehensively with problems confronting his administration, and while some parts of his address were criticized, it firmly entrenched him as the undisputed leader of the conservative wing of the Republican party.

Shortly before Mr. Coolidge delivered his message, Senator Johnson declared his presidential candidacy. Mr. Coolidge's decision to seek the nomination, while it was generally held to be a foregone conclusion, was announced just after his message was delivered.

Unrest Among Farmers

During the spring, while President Harding was in Florida and in the summer while he was on his western and Alaskan tour, there was much discussion of the unrest among the farmers, because of agricultural depression and of its probable political effect. This grew out of the election in November, 1922, of several farmer-labor members of congress, giving western progressives a balance of power in both houses of Congress. But the year passed without a definite answer to the question though convening of the 68th congress afforded striking examples of the power of the progressives there. They were able to enforce in the House their demands for a full opportunity to revise House rules, by deadlocking the House over the election of a speaker.

In the Senate they also proved their ability to prevent either party passing legislation to which progressives object, by interposing seven votes between the Democrats and Republicans on the choice of a chairman for the powerful interstate commerce committee, which deals with railroad legislation.

The congressional progressives, by their determined tactics, placed squarely before leaders of both the major parties the fact that new alignments are in sight; that in the years to come, if sentiment continues to develop as it has in 1922 and 1923, neither party can function successfully without aid from the liberals.

In the Democratic party, the factions which were so numerous at the San Francisco convention in 1920 continued their efforts during the year to line up sentiment and delegates for their particular presidential candidates. William G. McAdoo was first to enter the race, which he did late in the year.

Al Smith, governor of New York, started talk of himself as presidential timber by signing the New York legislature's repealer of the state dry enforcement law. Smith loomed up at once as the wet leader. Gov. Ritchie of Maryland and Senator Edwards of New Jersey also became rallying points for wet sentiment in Democratic ranks.

The Democrats, through their national committee, began laying the foundation for the 1924 campaign by constant attacks upon the Republican tariff law. President Coolidge, in his message to Congress accepted this challenge by declaring that the tariff has been productive of abounding prosperity.

The Klan Isse

The Ku Klux Klan became a political issue during the year in many states. In municipal and county elections in Ohio, Indiana and elsewhere, the K. K. K. issue figured prominently—so prominently, in fact, that R. B. Creager, Republican national committeeman from Texas, announced his intention of demanding that the Republican national convention in 1924 take a definite anti-Klan stand.

Public attention was still further centered on this issue by the Walton case in Oklahoma, wherein Gov. Walton was impeached after he had conducted a warfare which he said was aimed at Klan domination of the state.

Organized labor, at its convention in Portland, Ore., adopted recommendations for increased political activity, non-partisan in character.

The Republicans on December 12, by express direction from directing heads of the Coolidge administration, selected Cleveland, O., as the 1924 convention city. The Democrats will choose their convention scene in January.

Still, He's Pretty Close to Zero.

(From the Detroit Free Press)

The Cincinnati Enquirer thinks the former "kronprinz" could wing lasting gratitude by rescuing the mark. He could also make a hit by following the example of the mark, which has made itself virtually extinct.

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LEAVENWORTH, Kas. — Silas Morrison, inmate of the soldiers home here, and his son, W. H. Morrison, of Hager City, Wis., were reunited here after a forty years' separation.

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One game hunter, aged 70, has a record of having killed 500 mountain lions.

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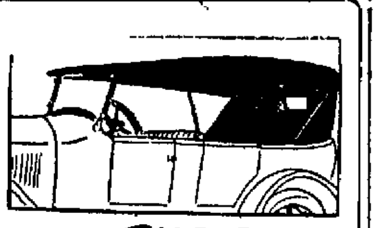

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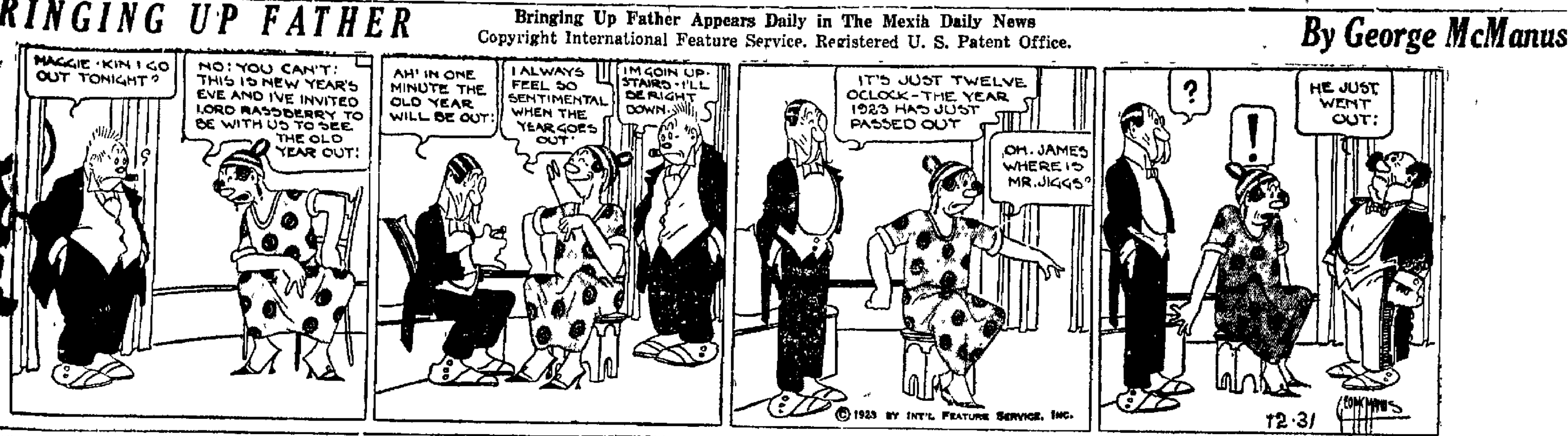
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It is becoming increasingly popular particularly among the younger housewives to have a definite color scheme for the kitchen. Some prefer all white while others find that white blends very well with the gray, blue and other shades in which enameled ware comes.

Oldest fossils of land plants found are shaped like seaweed.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Limestone.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 11th day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of $1800 00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien, in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No 49016-? and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs Della Box, the surviving wife of S A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box, and Mrs Della Box, Gurdian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th, Judicial District of Texas a judgement against the said defendants, Della, Box, for the sum of $1800 00 principal, $121 80 interest and $222 18 attorney's fees, together with interest on $2221 80 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on $222 48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th day of December, A D, 1923 Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows

FIRST TRACT. 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No 1 in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas Roberts League, in the North line of the 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County, Land, Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No 1, 700 varas to corner from which a post oak 12' in dia brs North 22½ East 10 varas, Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner, Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 90 acre tract, Thence South 50 West along the North line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT. 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 560 varas to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner, Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M R Box 18 acre tract, Thence North 60 East to the Northwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described, Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 294 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S A Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No 2 above, Thence South 30 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land convenyed by Mrs Abia Box and others to Mrs Alice Stem, a rock for corner, Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner, same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S A Box and wife as a part of their homestead, Thence North 31 west 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract. Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M B Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol 76, page 178 deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S A Box and wife, Della Box to Chas L Kribs, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 493-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas and levied upon as the property of Della Box, and all above named parties and that on the first Tuesday in Feb, 1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A M. and 4 P M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Dello Box, et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th, day of Dec, 1923

WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff,
Limestone County Texas
By N P Harris, Deputy
Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

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The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A M and 2 P M for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may proprely come before it.

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Taking Invoice

It is ever well at the beginning of a new year to take stock to find where we are at, what we have accomplished and what remains to be done, for the good of us, as well as our country.

First of all, Mexia is entitled to much credit in providing first class school facilities.

In our days of keen competition an education becomes a necessity. A person may accumulate wealth and often lose it, yet a good education will enable the loser to frequently regain what was lost.

Thus, so far so good. But what are we doing towards providing for the physical wellfare of the present scholars and coming generation? What is the condition of the farming interests now a days? Have we not thousands of acres so poor, that cultivating them no longer pays expenses? Where is the coming generation going to get a living from if our present land butcher system continues? Have we a right to rob those who come after us of the means to exist, by contsantly robbing the soil of its fertility? These are serious questions, and it is high time that a halt is called and arrangments made for improving conditions all along the line.

We may dream and talk about factories for our part of the State. Agriculture will ever be the foundation of whatever prosperity we may enjoy. That is, barring the accidental oil supplies while they last. According to reliable information many of the wells are beginning to fail and unless new supplies are discovered close by in another year or two, but little of oil business to benefit towns about here will be left. Then without a liberal farm support, where is Mexia going to be at?

The wide awake bankers and merchants of other parts, East Texas in particular, have realized that their very existence is at stake unless something be done at once to improve general conditions of farming. Thus they have called in some soil doctors for consultation to find ways and means to once more get back to profitable farming. Well attended meetings were held at various places. Soil building, cooperation, fertilization for better acre yields, terracing and everything that meant improvement of the farm was fully explained by scientific and practical men. The outcome of it was, that numbers of the wide awake men of different towns through their chamber of Commerce offered liberal premiums for best yields of different farm crops, cotton in particular. Thus it happened that the country was astonished to once more behold the miracle of land in the piny woods of East Texas that has been incultivation fully fifty years of making a bale of cotton per acre in a number of cases, one man even making eight bales off of five acres. That is some come back for us.

What is the matter that we can't get a move on us to do likewise? We would have the most prosperous county on the face of the earth, if we had today the acre yield in the different crops that we had 20 years ago. One thing is sure, if anything is done we must do it ourselves and the sooner it is done the better for all of us.

Where in East Texas a year ago gloom and despondency prevailed today optimism and good cheer is everywhere and no wonder, if we could grow crops that would sell for double the land is worth they are growing on anybody could not help but smile a little. Our land to begin with is every bit the equal of any East Texas land. All we need is the proper fixings for it, when we ought to do as well as any Mr. Jones. (It was a Mr. Jones who made 8 bales on 5 acres.)

Now are the business men of Mexia with their chamber of commerce going to move in this all important matter or get held back and let Teague beat us to it?

When we look at this matter right we find it a very simple one. No bonds need be voted to insure success. On the contrary, when started right this business of land improvement and the growing of better crops cannot help but pay good dividends from the very start. Above all we have to learn to grow such crops that enrich instead of impoverishing land. (But about this, some other time.) We all know that talk is cheap and that it takes action to accomplish things. We cannot afford to rock along and let this matter pass without making an effort to get on to more solid ground.

To get the ball in motion I propose to head a subscription list with a ten spot towards getting funds for our chamber of commerce offering premiums on best farm crops, for this coming season 1924.

Who is a going to be next?

J. W. Stubenrauch

P. S.—Let all of us remember, that our country is only going to be, what we make it.

De Molay to Observe Comfort Day Thurs.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Members of the Order of DeMolay thruout the country will observe January 3rd as DeMolay Day of Comfort.

On this day it should be the duty of every member of DeMolay to visit the hospitals of the city in which he lives and carry flowers and words of comfort to those who are confined therein.

The Order has five obligatory observances during the year: DeMolay Day of Comfort, Devotional Day, Patriots Day, Educational Day and Parents Day. These are observed by eleven hundred and seventeen chapters, with approximately one hundred and twenty-five thousand members.

Too Late to Classify

FOR RENT—Two apartments—one 209 Kennedy and the other first block on Liberty street. For information, 501 East Rusk or phone 185. 31L3

G. A. Cox formerly mechanic for B. & A. Drilling Co., is opening a repair shop in the rear of Anderson and Horn Drug Co. Mr. Cox has had years of experience in the Automobile industry and is acquainted with all makes of automobiles. 31-1

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Corn meal is the main source of sustenance for about 2,000,000 South Manchurian Chinese.

Mrs. Benton Jones returned Sunday morning from Terrell where she spent the holidays with relatives.

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W. T. Church is a Dallas visitor.

Texas University Resumes Session January the 3rd

AUSTIN, Dec. 3—The winter term of the University of Texas will open on January 3, according to an announcement which has just been made by E. J. Mathews, registrar. All students reentering for the winter term will be expected to register on that date, and a fine of $3 will be charged those who register later. New students entering the University must register on January 2, it is announced, in order that they may be ready to attend classes beginning January 3. All class work will begin on Thursday morning, January 3, and absences will be counted against students not attending class on that day.

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FORT WORTH, Tex.—An ambulance dashed to a local theatre. A man was carried out on a stretcher and hauled away. "Laughed himself sick at the comedy," the theatre manager explained. "Good stuff," rival press agents agree.

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We could wish more, but the New Year is now here, pressing us for time.

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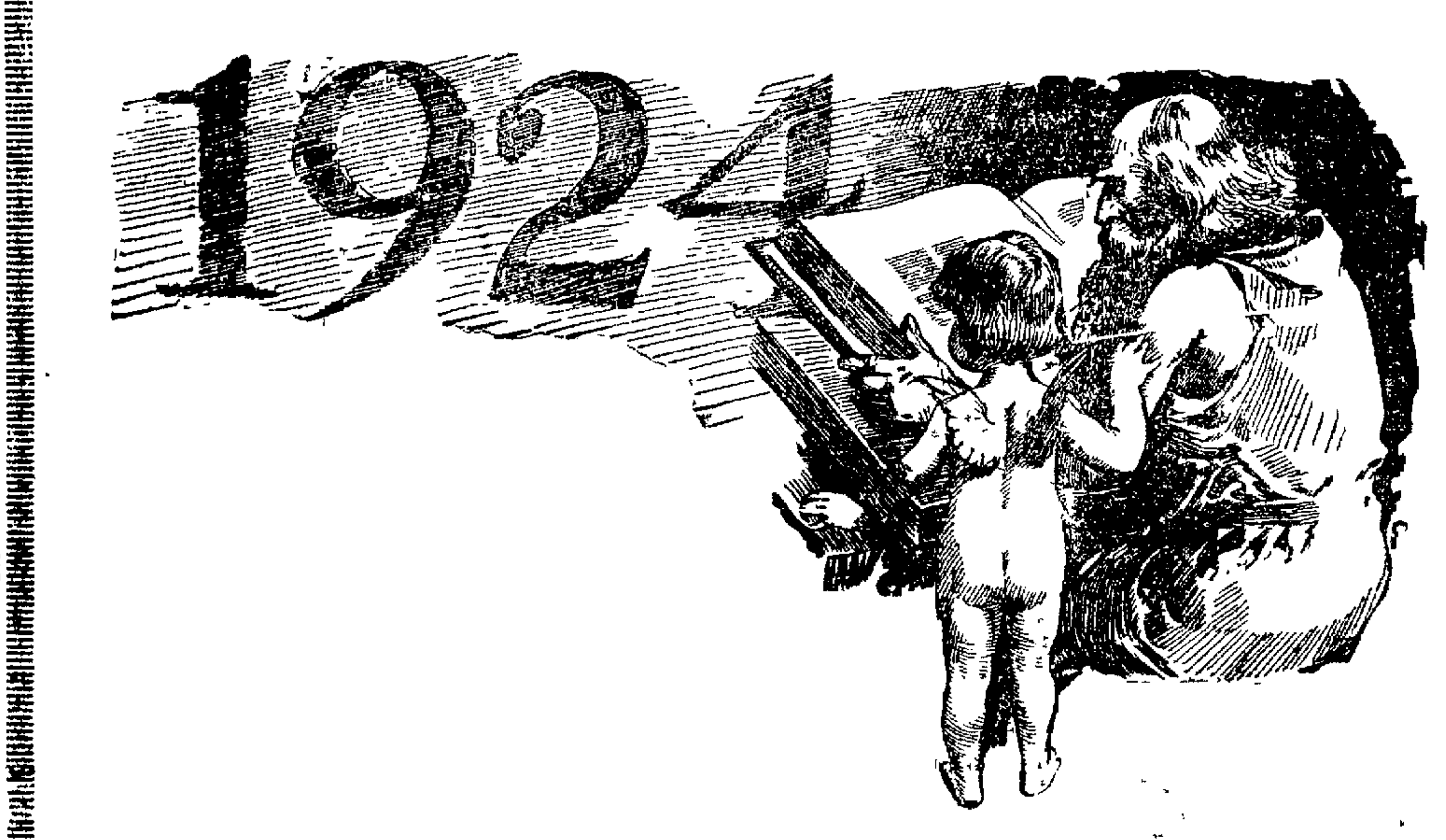

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Chilly Blast Swoops Down On Entire Country

ATLANTA PRISONERS TUNNEL WAY TO LIBERTY

Solons Ask Why Did U. S. Sell Arms To Obregon

Temperature In Mexia Drops 50 Degrees In A Few Hours

From all parts of the country, reports pour in today, nidicating that the United States is in the grip of the fiercest cold spell of the winter. According to dispatches from Europe, too, that country is suffering from the wintry blast and elemental disturbances which are defeating searchers in their effort to solve the Dixmude dirigible mystery.

According to Miss Newman, local weather observer, the thermometer went as high as 73 Sunday afternoon. By day break today, it had fallen to 23, and this sudden freeze, although expected by local citizens, since they had been informed thru Sunday's Daily News of the approach of the cold wave, found them unprepared in many instances and City Engineer R. D. Morgan states that calls are coming in from various parts of the city in regard to bursted water mains, leading into homes here. Plumbers have also been kept busy answering calls from people who required their assistance in cutting off the water.

According to the weather reports, Monday night is due to be colder than it was early today. The cold wave struck after midnight and at 5:30 this morning sleet was falling.

So far the gas pressure has been excellent, according to persons interviewed who live in various parts of town, thus eliminating much suffering. In many homes, however, both gas and coal fires are burning in order to be sure that the place is kept warm.

The Weather report is as follows:

East Texas—Tonight probably fair and colder. Severe cold wave in south and extreme east. Temperature 2 to 11 in north and 12 to 24 in south, except 24 to 30 in Lower Rio Grande Valley. Tuesday probably fair and continued cold.

West Texas—Tonight and Tuesday unsettled, probably snow in north; colder except in Panhandle. Severe cold wave in south with temperature 14 to 18. Slowly rising temperature in north Tuesday.

The East

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A cold rain which the Weather Bureau promised would turn into snow and sleet during the day, assured slippery pavements for New Year's revelers here tonight.

The weather man thought there might be a white New Year's Day, with heavy snow coming down out of the mountains of Maine.

Middle West

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 30.—Partial relife from the blizzard which has raged in Nebraska, Wyoming and the Dakotas since Saturday night, was promised by the weather bureau here today.

Temperature at Omaha reached two below at 6 a. m. but the bulb was slowly rising at 7, and the bureau predicted it would not go below that point. The storm was accompanied by considerable snow and a wind which ranged from 25 to 40 miles an hour.

Temperature throughout the State ranged from zero to 15 below. Hastings this morning reported it 8 below. It was 10 below at Valentine, Neb., at 7 p. m. last night with the mercury falling. Cheycnne, Wyo., reported 16 below at 7 p. m.

Railroad and wire traffic was considerably hampered by the storm, street car service and taxicab service in Omaha was almost completely tied up.

Southwest Struck

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30—An old time blizzard swept across Kansas plains and other sections of the Southwest today delaying trains and demoralizing war communication.

Snow fell during the night, swept by a gale which reached fifty miles an hour. Mercury dropped close to zero.

Stock raisers were forced to find shelter for their animals and feed was in demand. Farmers were well prepared, however, as the season until the present storm has been mild and they were able to conserve feed.

Snow which fell early in the evening afforded some shelter for the wheat from the freezing temperatures. However, if the snow drifted considerably, many fields were swept bare.

Europe

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The elements which destroyed the dirigible Dixmude conspire today to obscure her fate.

Unprecedented storms swept Southern France and roared over the Mediterranean, cutting land communications as well as interrupting wireless and preventing news of the search for the airship and her gallant crew from reaching the capital.

Official inquiry was begun into the causes that led to the Dixmude's destruction on the night of Dec. 21-22, when, it now appears, the giant liner was struck by lgihtning bolt and hurled flaming into the white-capped sea, where all her officers and men perished.

Hundreds of persons evacuated their homes during the night as rising waters of the River Seine inundated new districts of Paris, Nanterre, St. Denis and Issy.

The river rose eight inches since sundown and the situation is officially recognized as critical.

Workmen are throwing up parapets along the quais while eighty sailors with specialy constructed pumps have arrived from Havre.

The Seine, swollen by freshets, already has caused graet damage and suffering. It has risen nearly 20 feet.

MEXICAN REBELS SHOWN IN ACTION.

This picture, taken under fire, shows the de la Huerta rebel troops in action in the Vera Cruz district, under bombardment and rifle fire from the loyal Obregon attackers. One man is shown dead on the back of his shallow trench.

A Small Blaze Sunday Morning

About 1 o'clock Sunday morning Mr. J. M. Knnedy, who runs the Lone Star store on East Sumpter street, discovered fire in the ceiling at the back of the store. The alarm was turned in and Mr. Kennedy proceeded to fight the blaze with a garden hose, but it was not fully extinguished until the city fire fighters arrived and put the water to it. The damage was small and is covered by insurance.

The blaze is supposed to have started from a defective electric light wire.

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After a self-made man has finished the job he should make a few friends to be used in case of emergency.

400 HORSEPOWER BOILER BEING INSTALLED IN THE LOCAL PLANT

Having purchased the power plant at Teague the Community Power & Light Company is engaged in renovating the plant there by changing the system to a modern raw water one complete.

Another power line is being constructed from Marlin to Mexia and thence to Teague. The construction force for the building of this line is located at Groesbeck where the material is being assembled.

A new 400 horsepower boiler has been purchased for Mexia in order to economize production. These improvements should enable the company to give lower rates to the consumers in this section, so Mr. Alexander the local manager, stated.

Belief Advanced That Aid Was Given From Outside

ALTANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—Officials began a determined search for alleged accomplices of George Anderson, the second of the daring "million dollar" New York mail bandits to make a bold break from the Atlanta prison. Anderson and three other prisoners tunneled their way to liberty while armed guards patrolled the walls. It is believed that they were aided from the outside. The escape was as daring as that of Gerald Chapman, the "master mind" of the New York gang that looted a mail truck of $1,000,000 in New York in October, 1921. Chapman escaped in March.

Escape Daring

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—All law enforcement agencies of the South today concentrated on the search for four prisoners who made a daring escape from the Federal penitentiary here Sunday.

Three of the men were traced to Macon but there the trail was lost. No clew as to the whereabouts of the fourth has been found.

The fugitives include George Anderson, serving a 25 year sentence for participation in a $1,000,000 mail truck hold-up in New York. Anderson was the partner of Gerald Champan who escaped last March and has not been recaptured. Prison officials believe Anderson engineered Sunday's escape. The men crawled to freedom through a tunnel under a concrete wall encircling the prison.

The other three convicts who escaped were:

Hiram Lepper, sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment from Baltimore for counterfeiting.

Frank Haynes, sentenced from Chattanooga for counterfeiting.

Ludwig Schmidt, sentenced for robbing the mails, from Rochester, N. Y.

Lepper figured in a former jail delivery and was recaptured in Milwaukee.

Prison officials were advised recently that Anderson contemplated a break for liberty and took extra precautions to guard him. The tunnel dug under the prison walls led from a small tent in the prison tubercular zone to a point just beyond the high stone walls, where armed guards paced constantly. Lepper and Haynes occupied the tent.

The loose dirt was carried secretly from the tent to a freshly graded spot 75 feet away.

A small shovel and a miniature miner's lantern were found in the tunnel, the only equipment used in digging the passageway to freedom. The tunnel was equipped with trap door, steps were built in the hard clay.

The delivery was discovered at 5 a. m. Reports were received that the men had been seen in a negro quarter nearby and then a "tip" came that they had boarded a limited headed for Macon.

Police at Macon were advised and arangements were made for capturing the prisoners there but Wadren Saratain received information that three men had leaped from the speeding train near Macon and disappeared before officers could overtake them.

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KLAN CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED, SAYS CLARKE

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—A convention of Ku Klux Klan members, "to make the organization what it should be or kill it," will be held here February 15 to 20, Edward Young Clarke, former imperial wizard, announced. A call will be sent to all Klans of the nation Thursday night. The convention will consider the points laid down in Clarke's letter to President Coolidge, it is said.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Larkins of Breckenridge were visitors to Mexia Sunday.

Rainfall of the Year Slightly Above Average of 20 Past Years

The following summary of the rainfall at Mexia, Texas for the year 1923 is furnished by Josephine Newman, voluntary observer at this station:

	inches
January, total	1.58
February, total	4.38
March, total	2.94
April, total	6.25
May, total	.33
June, total	.39
July, total	.22
August, total	.39
September, total	3.54
October, total	3.89
November, total	2.20
December, total	10.07
Total for year	36.65

The records at weather bureau here show that the rainfall since August, 1904 has averaged 36 inches per year.

This shows 1923 to be slightly above the average. The heaviest waterfall of any month was in December when almost a third of the year's rain came.

The Summer months of June, July and August showed only slightly more than one inch.

Next to December, April was the wettest period. The third wettest month of the year was February.

GUESTS OF THE HEART

DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR

Farewell, Old Year, you are passing away;
A sad heart here you are leaving today.
How good and how true you have been to me!
Yet faithless, I fear, have I been to thee.

You brought, Old Year, in your cycle of time
A thousand good things to this heart of mine;
You brought along in your cycle of gold
Most wonderful dreams to a storm tossed soul.

You've pointed the way o'er a restless sea,
Like a pillar of fire to a soul like me.
You have carried me on over turbulent waves
With a gentleness born of a pow'r that saves.

You have led me on thru storms and strife
And illumined for me the path of life.
You taught me how to start over again
When my soul's crushed with its burden of sin.

You have taken me up on mountains high
Where visions great emblazoned the sky,
And you told me how all things could succeed
If only I'd follow your wondrous lead.

And the visions great and wonderful plans
Were left to the work of my humle hands;
The prayers you taught and the prayers you gave
Would urge me on like a voice from the grave.

I knew, Old Year, as we journeyed along
And my soul was stirr'd and my faith was strong,
That no dearer friend would ever I see
Than you, Old Year, had been ever to me.

And now gently, Old Year, my sad heart weeps
As Time his immutable custom keeps—
He cuts you down with a remorseless hand—
And a stranger year steps forth in the land!

Farewell—Old Year—Farewell! Now must we part,
But Time cannot break your hold on my heart.
The wonderful work you gave me to do
I have left undone—I confess to you.

But if the stranger year will patient be
I'll redeem all pledges I made to thee.
So farewell, Old Year, you have passed away!
A sad heart here you are leaving today.

I knew, Old Year, as we journeyed along
And my soul was stirr'd and my faith was strong,
That no dearer friend could ever I see
Than the faithful old year has been to me!

—Ben B. Hunt.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTHS

After having a time getting all the gas jets lit up on the home mound this morning for a little heat and a hurried breakfast I rushed to the office without seeing a soul until I turned into North Sherman. I there saw a sight that reminded me more of a moving van than anything I have seen lately. It proved to be my pal of childhood days, Joe Stubenrauch, all bundled up in a quilt that was used by an old maid that liked Joe very much at the time the rock of Gibraltar was a pebble. Joe was in a hurry on account of the wind playing hide and seek with his pug nose and I did not try to delay him but he remarked in his rush that he thought the ole family bird, the turkey should be given a rest and good ole country sausage substituted. He stated he would do just one thing more label all the good sausage "Calvert" with that remark I told Joe he had better get a truck license if we was going around much longer all rolled up in home-spun bedding.

But the surprise of the day was sprung on the writer when I run into friend Boyd of the News Publishing Company. He was laughing hearitiy in front of the post office and I saw Arthur Brisbane, alais Garland Adair crossing the street in a way that made the charge of the light brigade look like a tax payers retreat from Groesbeck. Boyd took me in tow with this story on friend Anthony Garland. As we all know Garland has an heir apparent of that bouyancy age called youth. It seems that Junior has been since last Wednesday morning asking his father before he left for the day's work if "this is God's day"—Garland thought nothing much of the question until the second day at which time he went proudly to his wife stating that "Dear we certainly have a good boy. He wants to know if each day is God's day." The proud father was again greeted each morning until yesterday morning which was Sunday, the bright youth asked again if "this is God's day?" whereupon the joyous parent said "Son, yes it is, what can I do for you." Junior then said, "Daddy I want the funny paper." Garland tells this as a news item. But this writer thinks it a good one on the editor.

It has been stated that from the mouths of children much wisdom floweth and the following made me think of the remark. I was crossing the street on the way to the office as I run into Blake Smith. Blake had a bill in his hand that was from one of our prominent garages and filling stations. He seemed worried about the total at the bottom and as I drew near he said, "You know I am a man of few words but this garage bill reminds me of a remark my young son made a short while ago and I have never repeated it. We were sitting around the family circle discussing current events of our city when the subject of war was mentioned and in some way Pickett's charge at Gettysburg was mentioned by someone. Our boy didn't seem interested very much as he was getting his lessons for the next day. But just about at the conclusion of the discussion the name Prickett seemed to be on his mind as he had over heard it and turning said, 'Daddy I know Mr. Prickett down at the garage.' The analogy struck me very forcibly" said Blake as he held out the statement. Prickett—garage—charge.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

To the City and Rural Patrons of Mexia, Texas, Post Office: I take this method of wishing you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—ISIDORE NEWMAN, Postmaster.

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POST OFFICE TO CLOSE TUESDAY

The Postoffice will be closed all day Tuesday. In observance of New Year's Day, all windows will be closed and the route carriers will be given a

Nelson States That Dollar Diplomacy Ruled

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—An investigation by congress of dollar diplomacy" involved in an agreement of the United States to sell arms and ammunition to the Obregon government, is demanded by Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, progressive. Developments indicate that the State Department's announcement Saturday that arms would be sold might have been permature. Secretary Weeks is opposed to selling war material to Obregon, and informed Secretary Hughes of this fact.

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Patterson Moves Jewelry Store To Sewell Building

L. S. Patterson and all members of his Jewelry establishment here are busy today moving the location of the concern from the old stand, adjoining the City National Bank, to a new location, about one block east in the building formerly occupied by Lawson Sewell, first door east of Karner and Phillips.

The work of moving will be completed today and Mr. Patterson states that by the dawn of the New Year he will be ready for business in the new home of the Patterson Jewerly Store.

Mr. Patterson says that the store will occupy the entire first floor of the building, which is being so arranged and improved as to afford ample opportunity to give the line of jewerly carried a most attractive display. "I am here to stay," he added, in commenting on the move "and am going to strive ever to increase the standing of my little store right here in Mexia." With the larger quarters he hopes to be able to refer hereafter to his jewelry home as a bigger institution. Additional shipments of jewelry will be received constantly and Mr. Patterson plans to spend hundreds of dollars right away in making the institution more attractive than ever and a place known generally throughout the Mexia trade territory as a growing jewelry establishment.

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Moonshiner Mob Lynches Negro Is The Belief

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec 30.—The theory that Eugene Burnam, negro whose body was found near here last night, was lynched by moonshiners, was advanced by officials today.

Authorities pointed out that a series of raids have been launched against moonshiners in this section recently and that the distillers probably have become angered.

Four white men, according to information give authorities, carried the negro to Dinsmore where he was shot several times and then hit in the head with an ax.

A few hours before a white storekeeper had shot and killed a negro seen hiding near his store. The negro was armed.

The headless body of another negro, found weighted ina creek near here, was identified as that of Edgar Phillips, an alleged moonshiner.

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TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION

RIDGEWAY, Penn., Dec. 31.—The town of Emporium was rocked by an explosion in the mixing room of the Hercules Powder Company plant, which killed two employes.

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J. E. Bedingfield of Marlin registered at the Majestic Sunday.

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NEW YEAR RESOLVES

New Year's resolutions are again in order. Someone has wisely said that the path to the lower regions is paved with good resolutions and the pavement is constantly being added to every year. But in spite of the fact that those resolutions made 12 months ago forgotten almost as soon as made it is time to resolve again if there will be any to forget again.

How many persons were ever guilty of keeping a New Year's resolution there is no authority for saying. The annals of history fail to disclose any such breaking of the sacred custom on the part of any person.

Now since prohibition has eliminated a necessity for the resolution which formerly had headed the long list the smoker will probably take the lead of those who annually "swear off" with a quantity of resolutions that would shame the addicts of any other habit, unless it be those who have been caught in the grip of dope. The weaker sex will now have a chance to number themselves along with those who voice their determination to inhale the last of the soothing fumes on the sixtieth second of the last minute before the New Year hangs its hat in the hall.

Possibly the frequenters of the soda fountain will not be far behind in resolving to keep their nickels in their pockets. Though a great many of the resolutions made every year are those sterotyped and always in stock there are thousands of others that can be listed in the category. There is the student who will doubtless resolve to replace the customary 70 with a 90 on the report that goes back to the payer of the bills; the busy housewife who will swear that she will be more economical and devote the time that is spent in the movies and in looking in the shop windows to making the home better; and even the busy hubby who will even promise himself that he will kiss his wife every morning, then straightway turn around and forget that he ever made a resolution.

It is astorishing to think just what this old earth would be if all the resolutions that are made in it were kept. There would doubtless be a revolution in one city that would rival soviet Russia for importance.

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CITIZENSHIP
-Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

WE WANT IDEALISM

Concluding his first message to Congress, President Calvin Coolidge in part said:

"We want idealism. We want that vision which lifts men and nations above themselves. These are virtues by reason of their own merit. But they must not be cloistered; they must not be impractical; they must not be ineffective.

"The world has had enough of the curse of hatred and selfishness, of destruction and war. It has had enough of the wrongful use of material power. For the healing of the nations there must be good will and charity, confidence and peace. The time has come for a more practical use of moral power, and more reliance upon the principle that right makes its own might. Our authority among the nations must be represented by justice and mercy. It is necessary not only to have faith, but to make sacrifices for our faith. The spiritual forces of the world make all its final determinations. It is with these voices that America should speak."

The Greatness of Little Things

AMERICA'S ONLY POET LAUREATE

"A stubbble-haired boy" was what John G. Neihardt called himself in his first peom, written at the age of twelve, and during his passage from stubble hair to the laureateship of Nebraska his experience has been varied and interesting.

He was born in Illinois in 1881 but spent most of his boyhood in Wayne, Nebraska; he loved books, and he says, "I used to weed beets with a copy of Tennyson in one pocket, a copy of Browning in the other." He attended the Nebraska State Normal school, where he earned his tuition by ringing the bell twice every fifty minutes during the school day for three years! Whatever else he did he always found time for his scribbling, and it was because he was more interested in creative writing than in smelling out political news that he got "scopped" so often when he tried to do reporting for the Omaha Daily News. After eight or nine weeks of this the editor-in-chief decided to dispense with his services, but he cheered the young man at parting by complimenting him on the "kidding column" he had been writing, and several character sketches he had done.

Neihardt's first published poem appeared in the Youth's Companion in 1909 and from that time on he continued to write verse in various forms; his best lyrics have been collected in a volume called "The Quest."

Mr. Neihardt is the only official poet laureate in America. He was appointed poet laureate of Nebraska by the legislature of the state in 1921, and he holds the degree of doctor of letters from the University of Nebraska. He married Miss Nona Martinsen, a New York sculptor, in 1908, and his mother also makes her home with the poet at Branson, Missouri, in the Ozarks.

The University of Nebraska has recently created a Chair of Poetry for Mr. Neihardt; he will reside and lecture there for a month or more each year, but is left free to give the rest of his time to his creative work.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS
By N. P. Houx.

MEMBER TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

A headline says: "Slew two wives, insane, is belief?" What could be more convincing, unless he was a Morman?

With the new weight tax on automobiles and trucks the state should have enough money on hand the first of the year to build the finest system of roads of any state in the Union or in any country in the world. But the tax is going to compel us to sell our car, so we shall not be able to ride on them.—Houston Chronicle.

And if you walk you are liable to get run down and killed. Then what is a poor fellow to do?

Bootleggers made a raid on a church in Hancock, Md., and damaged the building and "beat up" several members of the congregation, including two women, so a press dispatch says. Now what is the "law" going to do about this? Nothing of course, and that congregation would be justified in going after those bootleggers and giving them a little dose of their own medicine.

The Christmas spirit hovered over the land Tuesday and it brought sunshine and gladness where hope had been abandoned. Seeing the joy it created, the happiness it inspired, the light of love which cast its beams in darkned places, would it not be a splendid idea to keep it alive throughout the coming year? Why not make the year 1924 marked by a more extended consideration of those to whom misfortune has dulled its palm?—Denison Herald.

A splendid idea. Keep up the good work all the year, and endeavor to make some one happy every day.

Governor Neff advocates using the army and navy to enforce the prohibition laws. Does the governor propose to put the country under martial law?—Houston Post.

And why not martial law if it takes that to stop the daredevil doings of the bootlegger fraternity, the people who have less regard for law and morals than any other known body of law breakers. Martial law has been invoked on less excuse than the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

The Isvestia editor charges: 1. Mr. Hughes has nothing. 2. He forged it. 3. He changed the words around. 4. The original sounded better before he translated it.—Dallas News.

Nothing from nothing leaves nothing. Is that the answer?

Henry Ford has definitely decided not to become a candidate for the presidency, but will support the present chief executive, Calvin Coolidge. Those high in the counsels of both the old parties are construing the Detroit man's latest announcement to suit themselves, although it is evident that some of them feel considerable relieved now that this "wizard" is not going to inject his own self into the running.—Wills Point Chronicle.

Say what you please about Henry, but you cannot class him as a fool.

Annette Kellerman says American women should exercise more. This should draw a shrill soprano shriek from Women who put in a full day at housework six days a week.—Corsicana Daily Sun.

But when you stop and think of the countless many women who put in full days joy riding and galantin around with jellybeans, the advice of Annette is not so out of place after all. All of the women do not do housework. Not by a jugfull.

For a Better Legislature.

People gererally have been very free to criticise the legislature for many years, and there certainly has been ample cause for criticism, but after all, the fault lies with the people themselves. For the most part citizens take too little interest in the selection of men to represent them. In many districts it is impossible to get the representative men interested to the extent that any of them will make the sacrifice. It is impossible to have a big legislature composed of little men. The kind of men sent to Austin are the kind that will be there when the house and senate are called to order. If every district in the state would put up its best material the legislature of Texas would be a deliberative body of which the people might well be proud.—Ex.

And now as the time for electing the next legislature is nearly here, the above advice is good and our people should keep it in mind when they vote for members of the House and Senate—and also for congressmen.

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George Lee was a business visitor to Groesbeck Saturday.

Snails sold on the streets in Italy are grown especially for the market, being fed principally on lettuce.

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If you would keep on the safe side beware of people who try to get on the good side of you.

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WISCONSIN TO PUSH LIFE INSURANCE

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 31.—With a campaign of advertising which is expected to double the present list of policy-holders, Wisconsin is going into the insurance business on a wholesale scale.

Pioneer in a number of other co-operative fields, Wisconsin has had for ten years a provision for a State life insurance fund, in which any-one may be insured at cost, but few policies were sold except to State employes.

With the recent appointment of W. Stanley Smith as insurance commissioner, a campaign was planned by which it is hoped that the present $500,000 in policies outstanding will be raised to a million or a million and a half.

Wisconsin is the only State in the union to go into the insurance business, according to Smith, who was for many years representative of a large insurance company in Wisconsin.

No soliciting is done, thus iliminating the cost of agents. Any citizen of hte State may make out an application for either the $500 or the $1000 policies sold by the State, and by simply mailing it to the office of the insurance commissioner, with the first premium, he is insured.

Premiums may be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually, but to avoid interest charges, Smith advises payment on the annual basis.

Four types of premiums are sold. They are the ordinary life policy, the twenty-payment life policy, which is fully paid up after twenty years; the twenty-year endowment, and endowment at the ag eof 65.

The claims and accounts of the State life fund are passed upon and audited by the Attorney General, State Treasurer and Commissioner of Insurance. Besides saving agent's commissions and the salaries of officers, office rents are saved, as all the work of the fund is done in the State Capitol. The general fund in the State treasury is back of the life fund.

Wisconsin also has a fire insurance fund, as have a number of other States and cities. A statue requires all public buildings, State, city and county to be insured in this fund. The fire fund totals almost 75,000,000. The rates in the fire fund are approximately 75 per cent of those of regular companies.

Tilden Will Be On Davis Cup Team

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bill Tilden will play with the American Olympic tennis team if he is selected by the committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

Tilden will be selected as a member of the team and he will be the first and ranking player on the list.

When it was announced that the Davis Cup committee of the association had been appointed to name the ten men and women tennis stars to be sent to Paris next summer, trouble was scented.

Tilden and the Davis Cup committee are not getting on well together at the present time, because of some personal differences that arose during the doubles contest of the last cup matches at Forest Hills.

Harold B. Hackett, former Davis Cup star and one of the best doubles players in the game, tried to tell Tilden how he should play after the third set had been completed.

Tilden resented both the manner in which Hackett gave his orders and the time at which he saw fit to criticize the champion's game.

Both voiced their opinions publicly and Tilden said he was through with international competition, if the Davis Cup committee did not alter its policy of handling the players.

Tilden is somewhat of a prima donna, but it is certain that he will not allow any personal differences with the directors of the game to handicap the American Olympic team.

For the same reason, the committee named to select the players can not refuse to give Tilden a place on the team because he is a radical.

Tilden will be appointed and, if the committee is fair minded, he should be named captain of the team.

When he is selected, Tilden will accept the appointment and will play.

SALESMANSHIP CLUB TO RESUME LUNCHEONS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

The Salesmanship Club will resume its regular weekly meetings by its luncheon at the Majestic Cafe next Wednesday at 12:15 to 1:30. O. F. Watkins will be the leader which naturally follows as the subject will be "Shall Mexia Have a Memorial Builing and Community Auditorium?" As Mr. Watkins is the Commander of the American Legion Nowlin Post of Mexia, and is very enthusiastic over the proposition: so stated Lee P. Pierson, president of the Salesmanship Club. In view of the fact that there will be business to transact in the election of all officers of the club for the incoming year the program will be short.

Program

Invocation: Rev. G. T. Reaves.

Luncheon.

Music.

Election of officers for year 1924.

Meeting turned over to O. F. Watkins, leader.

Shall Mexia Have a Memorial Building and Auditorium?

1. Five minute talk by J. Desenberg.
2. Five minute talk by J. K. Hughes.

All members should be present and take part in this meeting.

Quart Of Water Cleans Kidneys

No man or woman can make a mis take by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Eating too much rich food creates acids, which excite the kidneys. They become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood. Then we get sick. Rheumatism, head aches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys, or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, begin drinking a quart of water each day, also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, and in a few days your kidneys may act fine.

This famous salts is made from acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to flush and stimulate the kidneys; also to help neutralize the acids in the system, so they no longer cause irritation, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to help keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby often avoiding serious kidney complications. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.—(Adv.)

On Easy Street Evening of Life

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 31.—A good name, good credit, and a small store.

That is the fortune of John Grado, aged 70, who has tended brodges for the city for 34 years. And Grado believes that life has been good to him and he is satisfied.

For twenty three years, rain or shine, Grado tended the bridge on San Jacinto street. When the new Hill street bridge was completed it was given into his care.

Grado has nine children. Five are married; three grown daughters and a son of 18, resides at home.

"I've got good credit and a little grocery store," Grado said. "I worked day and night for the city to get the store. And now while I'm still on the job, my wife and children run it.

"I'm satisfied."

Christmas Cheer To This Cripple

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 31.—To those who scoff at Christmas as being merely "extravagant nonsense" a visit to Newt Goins will change their views.

Months ago Goins in a fall broke his hip and incapacitated himself for vigorous business pursuits. He was faced with the bleak prospect of eking out his existence under a terrible handicap.

A few days before Christmas friends of Goins got together and in his Christmas stocking he found a fully stocked confectionary stand.

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GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

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1923 HAS BEEN A STUDEBAKER YEAR.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

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Whatever the past year may have meant to you, dismiss all thought of it. It is dead. It cannot be brought back. Forget also the "little cares that fretted you," the unkindly acts of fellow-travelers on the journey through life, and the things you have done that you ought not to have done.

So will you enter upon the New Year with a spirit of forgiveness, and a kind thought in your heart for every one. Your home will be happier; your disposition will be brighter; your life will radiate warmth for all around you. Thus the New Year will be a most happy one for you and yours.

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Year of 1924 Marked Rise Of Liberals

By LAWRENCE MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(United Press.)—Years, like men, departing, leave behind them footprints in the sands. This dying year started a trail of footprints that lead on into the dim distance, so that no one can tell at the moment where they will stop.

But it was a year of preparation, of seed sowing, of new trails started, rather than of political fruition of harvest, or goals achieved. What began, politically, in 1923, will develop thru 1924, and probably far beyond that.

The one thing on which the year's politics turned more than anything else was the death of President Harding. That tragedy opened gates to politicians who, up to that August day had felt themselves shut out of national arena because Mr. Harding seemed to have the Republican nomination safely stowed away. His death had its influence on Democratic party politics, as well as on Republican. It changed the whole political aspect.

Senator Hiram Johnson, for example had reconciled himself—as published excerpts from his letters showed—to staying out of the 1924 presidential campaign. But when Mr. Harding died, Senator Johnson's candidacy became a practical certainty.

Mr. Coolidge was elevated to the presidency. Mr. Coolidge kept silent, after his first announcement that he felt it incumbent upon him to carry out policies of his predecessor. Not until he addressed Congress on December 6 did he reveal himself. In that message he dealt comprehensively with problems confronting his administration, and while some parts of his address were criticized, it firmly entrenched him as the undisputed leader of the conservative wing of the Republican party.

Shortly before Mr. Coolidge delivered his message, Senator Johnson declared his presidential candidacy. Mr. Coolidge's decision to seek the nomination, while it was generally held to be a foregone conclusion, was announced just after his message was delivered.

Unrest Among Farmers

During the spring, while President Harding was in Florida and in the summer while he was on his western and Alaskan tour, there was much discussion of the unrest among the farmers, because of agricultural depression and of its probable political effect. This grew out of the election in November, 1922, of several farmer-labor members of congress, giving western progressives a balance of power in both houses of Congress. But the year passed without a definite answer to the question though convening of the 68th congress afforded striking examples of the power of the progressives there. They were able to enforce in the House their demands for a full opportunity to revise House rules, by deadlocking the House over the election of a speaker.

In the Senate they also proved their ability to prevent either party passing legislation to which progressives object, by interposing seven votes between the Democrats and Republicans on the choice of a chairman for the powerful interstate commerce committee, which deals with railroad legislation.

The congressional progressives, by their determined tactics, placed squarely before leaders of both the major parties the fact that new alignments are in sight; that in the years to come, if sentiment continues to develop as it has in 1922 and 1923, neither party can function successfully without aid from the liberals.

In the Democratic party, the factions which were so numerous at the San Francisco convention in 1920 continued their efforts during the year to line up sentiment and delegates for their particular presidential candidates William G. McAdoo was first to enter the race, which he did late in the year.

Al Smith, governor of New York, started talk of himself as presidential timber by signing the New York legislature's repealer of the state dry enforcement law. Smith loomed up at once as the wet leader. Gov. Ritchie of Maryland and Senator Edwards of New Jersey also became rallying points for wet sentiment in Democratic ranks.

The Democrats, through their national committee, began laying the foundation for the 1924 campaign by constant attacks upon the Republican tariff law. President Coolidge, in his message to Congress accepted this challenge by declaring that the tariff has been productive of abounding prosperity.

The Klan Isse

The Ku Klux Klan became a political issue during the year in many states. In municipal and county elections in Ohio, Indiana and elsewhere, the K. K. K. issue figured prominently—so prominently, in fact, that R. B. Creager, Republican national committeeman from Texas, announced his intention of demanding that the Republican national convention in 1924 take a definite anti-Klan stand.

Public attention was still further centered on this issue by the Walton case in Oklahoma, wherein Gov. Walton was impeached after he had conducted a warfare which he said was aimed at Klan domination of the state.

Organized labor, at its convention in Portland, Ore., adopted recommendations for increased political activity, non-partisan in character.

The Republicans on December 12, by express direction from directing heads of the Coolidge administration, selected Cleveland, O., as the 1924 convention city. The Democrats will choose their convention scene in January.

Still, He's Pretty Close to Zero.

(From the Detroit Free Press)

The Cincinnati Enquirer thinks the former "kronprinz" could wing lasting gratitude by rescuing the mark. He could also make a hit by following the example of the mark, which has made itself virtually extinct.

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The average oysters offered for sale are from five to eight years of age before being harvested.

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One small Missouri town welcomed during one touring season 23,520 cars carrying 100,000 passengers.

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LEAVENWORTH, Kas. — Silas Morrison, inmate of the soldiers home here, and his son, W. H. Morrison, of Hager City, Wis., were reunited here after a forty years' separation.

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One game hunter, aged 70, has a record of having killed 500 mountain lions.

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Having more newspapers than any other city of its size in the world, is the claim of Cairo, Egypt.

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And many a young man doesn't know that he is in love until the girl in the case hands him the information in a diplomatic way.

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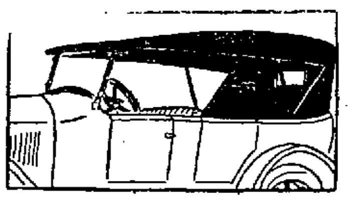

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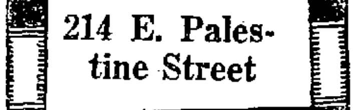

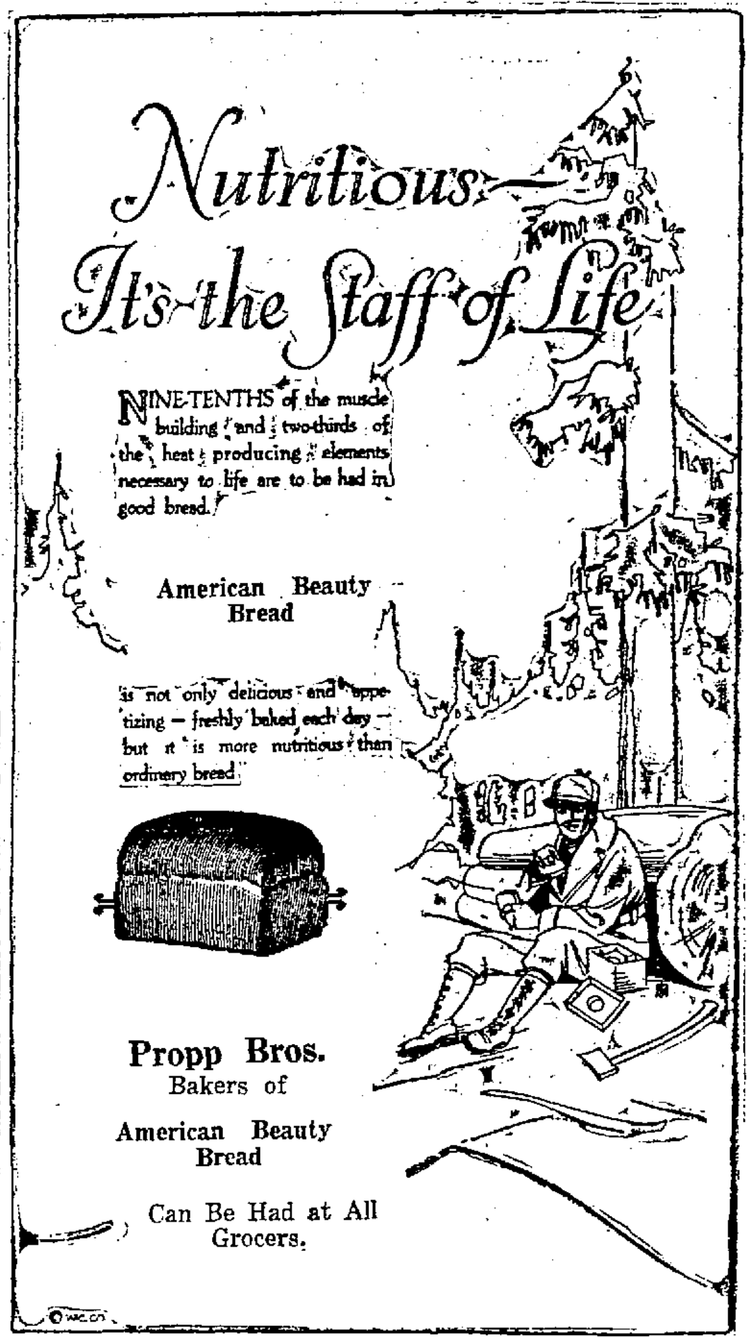

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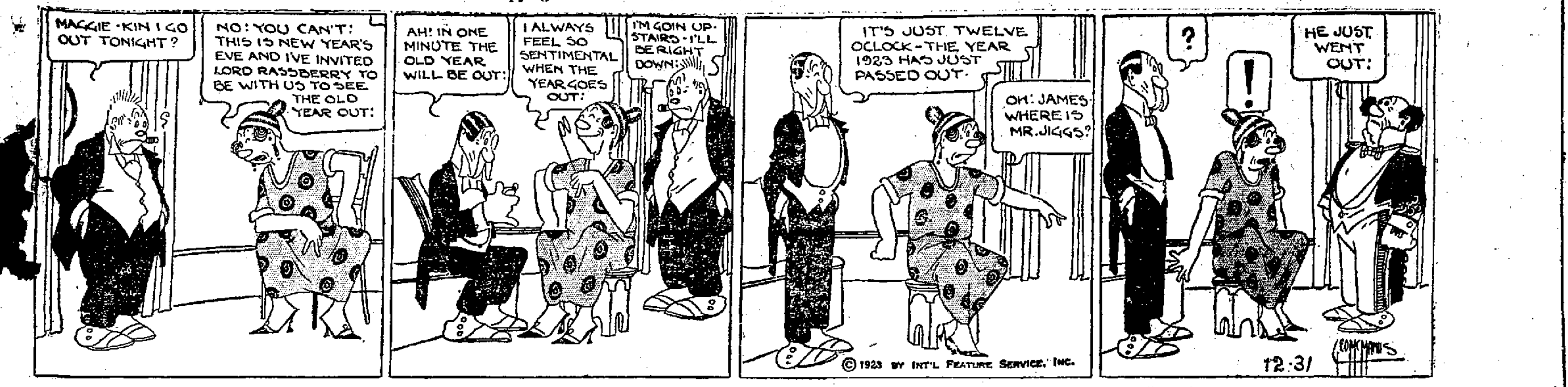
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WHITE KITCHENS

White is everywhere a symbol of cleanliness. Of course, it is really no "cleaner" than any other color; a gray enameled ware pot, for instance has all the advantages of cleanliness that a white one has, for all enameled ware is easy to keep clean and will not discolor. But the least speck of dirt shows on white, where it might remain unnoticed on some darker shade. For this reason the fashion of white in the kitchen, where cleanliness is of paramount importance, is growing all the time. The "white kitchen" has white enameled table, white chairs, white kitchen cabinet—even a white gas range—and, of course, it has white enameled ware utensils.

It is becoming increasingly popular, particularly among the younger housewives, to have a definite color scheme for the kitchen. Some prefer all white while others find that white blends very well with the gray, blue and other shades in which enameled ware comes.

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Oldest fossils of land plants found are shaped like seaweed.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Limestone.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th, day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of $1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien, in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No. 49016-? and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box, and Mrs. Della Box, Gurdian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th, Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della, Box, for the sum of $1800.00 principal, $424.80 interest and $222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on $2224.80 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on $222.48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th, day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas. Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of the 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County, Land; Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No. 1, 700 varas to corner from which a post oak 12" in dia. brs. North 22½ East 10 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 90 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 560 varas to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner; Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M. R. Box 18 acre tract; Thence North 60 East to the Northwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 294 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 30 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land convenyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 west 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S. A. Box and wife, Della Box to Chas. L. Kribs, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 493-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas: and levied upon as the property of Della Box, and all above named parties and that on the first Tuesday in Feb., 1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Dello Box, et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th, day of Dec., 1923.

WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff,
Limestone County Texas.
By N. P. Harris, Deputy.
Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may proprely come before it.

Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923.
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Taking Invoice

It is ever well at the beginning of a new year to take stock to find where we are at, what we have accomplished and what remains to be done, for the good of us, as well as our country.

First of all, Mexia is entitled to much credit in providing first class school facilities.

In our days of keen competition an education becomes a necessity. A person may accumulate wealth and often lose it, yet a good education will enable the loser to freguently regain what was lost.

Thus, so far so good. But what are we doing towards providing for the physical wellfare of the present scholars and coming generation? What is the condition of the farming interests now a days? Have we not thousands of acres so poor, that cultivating them no longer pays expenses? Where is the coming generation going to get a living from if our present land butcher system continues? Have we a right to rob those who come after us of the means to exist, by contsantly robbing the soil of its fertility? These are serious questions, and it is high time that a halt is called and arrangments made, for improving conditions all along the line.

We may dream and talk about factories for our part of the State. Agriculture will ever be the foundation of whatever prosperity we may enjoy. That is, barring the accidental oil supplies, while they last. According to reliable information many of the wells are beginning to fail and unless new supplies are discovered close by in another year or two, but little of oil business to benefit towns about here will be left. Then without a liberal farm support, where is Mexia going to be at?

The wide awake bankers and merchants of other parts, East Texas in particular, have realized that their very existence is at stake unless something be done at once to improve general conditions of farming. Thus they have called in some soil doctors for consultation to find ways and means to once more get back to profitable farming. Well attended meetings were held at various places. Soil building, cooperation, fertilization for better acre yields, terracing and everything that meant improvement of the farm was fully explained by scientific and practical men. The outcome of it was, that numbers of the wide awake men of different towns, through their chamber of Commerce, offered liberal premiums for best yields of different farm crops, cotton in particular. Thus it happened that the country was astonished to once more behold the miracle of land in the piny woods of East Texas, that has been incultivation fully fifty years of making a bale of cotton per acre in a number of cases; one man even making eight bales off of five acres. That is some come back for us.

What is the matter that we can't get a move on us to do likewise? We would have the most prosperous country on the face of the earth, if we had today the acre yield in the different crops that we had 20 years ago. One thing is sure, if anything is done, we must do it ourselves and the sooner it is done the better for all of us.

Where in East Texas a year ago, gloom and despondency prevailed, today, optimism and good cheer is everywhere and no wonder: if we could grow crops that would sell for double the land is worth, they are growing on, anybody could not help but smile a little. Our land to begin with is every bit the equal of any East Texas land. All we need is the proper fixings for it, when we ought to do as well as any Mr. Jones. (It was a Mr. Jones who made 8 bales on 5 acres.)

Now, are the business men of Mexia with their chamber of commerce going to move in this all important matter or just hold back and let Teague beat us to it?

When we look at this matter right we find it a very simple one. No bonds need be voted to insure success, on the contrary, when started right, this business of land improvement and the growing of better crops, cannot help but pay good dividends from the very start. Above all we have to learn to grow such crops that enrich, instead of impoverishing land. (But about this, some other time.) We all know that talk is cheap and that it takes action to accomplish things. We cannot afford to rock along and let this matter pass without making an effort to get on to more solid ground.

To get the ball in motion I propose to head a subscription list with a ten spot towards getting funds for our chamber of commerce offering premiums on best farm crops, for this coming season 1924.

Who is a going to be next?

J. W. Stubenrauch.

P. S.—Let all of us remember, that our country is only going to be, what we make it.

De Molay to Observe Comfort Day Thurs.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Members of the Order of DeMolay thruout the country will observe January 3rd as DeMolay Day of Comfort.

On this day it should be the duty of every member of DeMolay to visit the hospitals of the city in which he lives and carry flowers and words of comfort to those who are confined therein.

The Order has five obligatory observances during the year: DeMolay Day of Comfort, Devotional Day, Patriots Day, Educational Day and Parents Day. These are observed by eleven hundred and seventeen chapters, with approximately one hundred and twenty-five thousand members.

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FOR RENT—Two apartments—one 209 Kennedy and the other first block on Liberty street. For information, 501 East Ruck or phone 185. 31L3

G. A. Cox formerly mechanic for B. & A. Drilling Co., is opening a repair shop in the rear of Anderson and Horn Drug Co. Mr. Cox has had years of experience in the Automobile industry and is acquainted with all makes of automobiles. 31-1

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Corn meal is the main source of sustenance for about 2,000,000 South Manchurian Chinese.

Mrs. Benton Jones returned Sunday morning from Terrell where she spent the holidays with relatives.

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W. T. Church is a Dallas visitor.

Texas University Resumes Session January the 3rd

AUSTIN, Dec. 3.—The winter term of the University of Texas will open on January 3, according to an announcement which has just been made by E. J. Mathews, registrar. All students reentering for the winter term will be expected to register on that date, and a fine of $3 will be charged those who register later. New students entering the University must register on January 2, it is announced, in order that they may be ready to attend classes beginning January 3. All class work will begin on Thursday morning, January 3, and absences will be counted against students not attending class on that day.

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FORT WORTH, Tex.—An ambulance dashed to a local theatre. A man was carried out on a stretcher and hauled away. "Laughed himself sick at the comedy," the theatre manager explained. "Good stuff," rival press agents agree.

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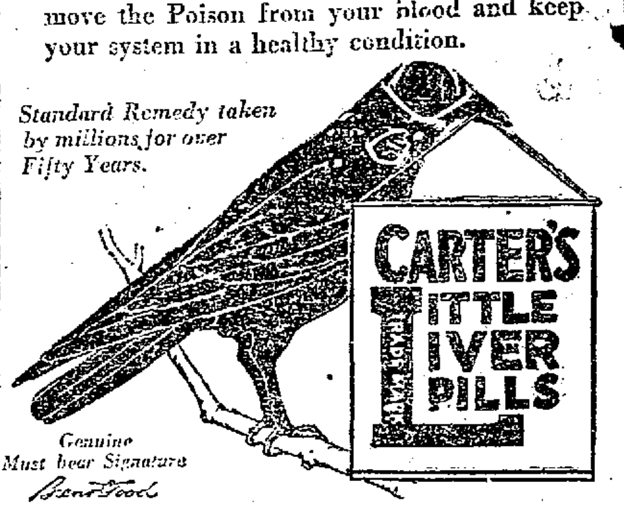
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Greetings

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We could wish more, but the New Year is now here, pressing us for time.

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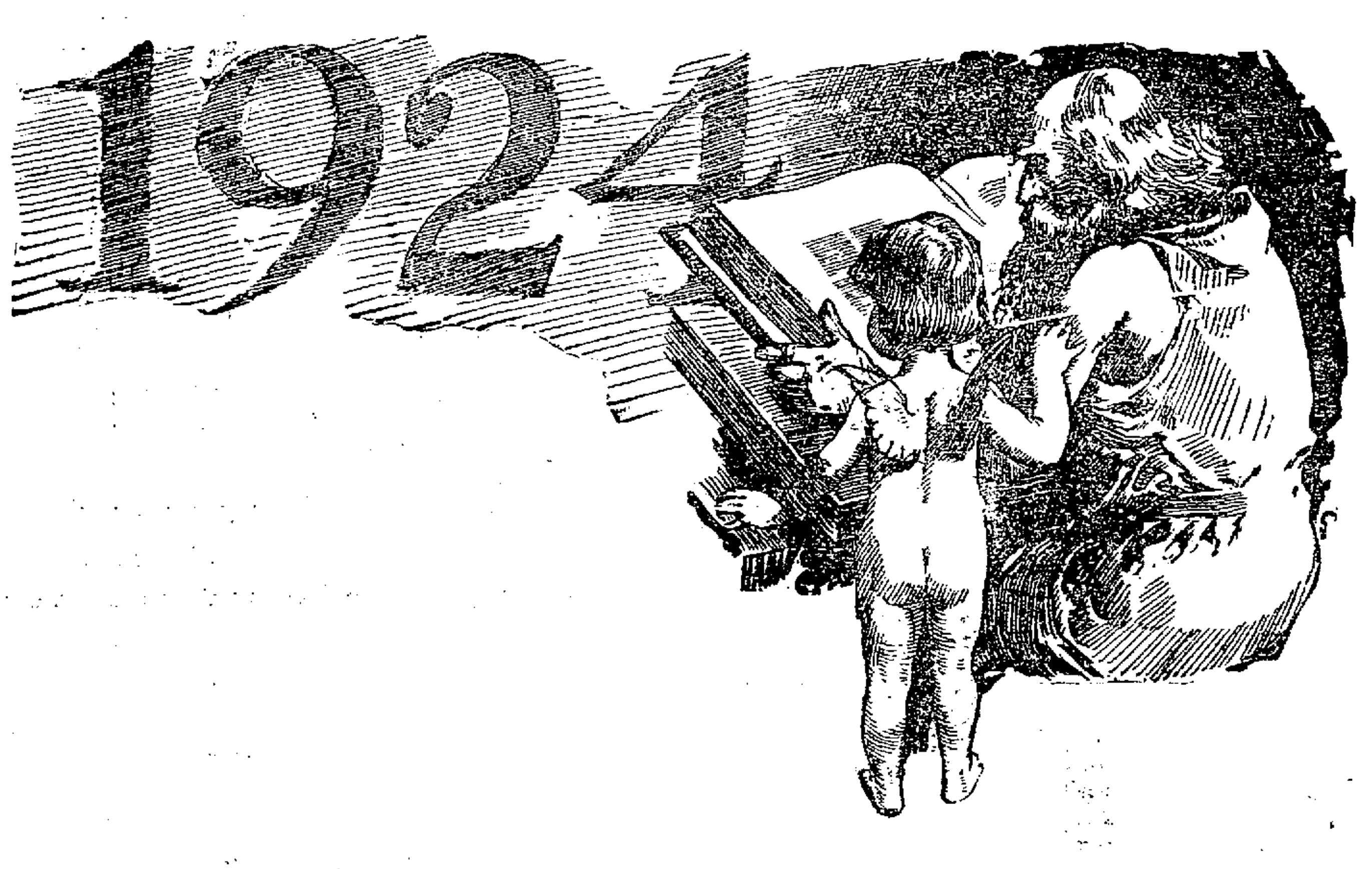

As the Old Year passes out, we say THANKS to all who have helped make it a great success. And as we approach the Dawn of 1924 we wish for you and yours Health, Happiness and Prosperity and all the things you most desire.

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